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LETTER DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As will be recalled, the Security Council, on 31 July 1995, extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) for a period of seven months. In the attached letter of 9 February 1996, President Préval has requested a further extension of the mandate of UNMIH. My report to the Security Council will contain recommendations in this regard.

I would be grateful if you could bring President Préval's letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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Annex

Letter dated 9 February 1996 from the President of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: French]

Notable progress towards the rehabilitation of institutions and the strengthening of democracy has been made since the restoration, on 15 October 1994, of constitutional order in Haiti.

We are grateful to the international community for the effective support it has given us under the banner of the United Nations.

My Government will strive resolutely to consolidate these achievements and lead the country towards the economic and social development that our people longs for.

In this context continuation of the work of UNMIH for a few months would facilitate accomplishment of this endeavour, in particular through the support that it would provide for the disarmament process and for our young National Police while the latter acquires the experience it lacks and continues to procure the equipment it still has need of.

I should therefore be grateful if you would take appropriate steps with a view to bringing about an extension of the mandate of UNMIH so that a gradual withdrawal may take place in the months ahead.

(Signed) René PRÉVAL